

said feed stream comprises a feed liquid hydrocarbon and a feed sulfur species, and
further wherein said selective solid membrane is constructed from one or more compounds
providing greater permeation selectivity for said feed sulfur species than said feed liquid
hydrocarbon;

conveying a sweep stream past a second side of said selective solid membrane;
and

transporting said feed sulfur species from said feed stream through said ~~selective~~
solid membrane in a permeate into said sweep stream, thereby converting said ~~sweep~~
stream to a sulfur-enriched stream and said feed stream to a substantially sulfur-free reject
stream containing a primary hydrocarbon product.

4. (once amended) The process of claim 1 wherein said feed sulfur species is
[substantially] more membrane permeable than said feed liquid hydrocarbon.

5. (once amended) The process of claim 1 wherein said sweep stream is
[substantially] smaller than said feed stream on a weight basis.

7. (once amended) The process of claim 1 wherein said feed liquid hydrocarbon
is a [conventional] refinery hydrocarbon stream.

11. (once amended) The process of claim 1 wherein said one or more compounds
from which said selective solid membrane is constructed is [formed from a compound]
selected from the group consisting of nitrogen compounds, nitrogen oxide compounds,
oxygen compounds, sulfur compounds, sulfur oxide compounds, and mixtures thereof.

12. (once amended) The process of claim 1 wherein said selective solid membrane
is more selective for said feed sulfur species than said feed liquid hydrocarbon.

13. (once amended) The process of claim 1 wherein said selective solid membrane
contains a facilitated transport liquid.

18. (once amended) The process of claim 17 further comprising recycling said

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sweep stream separated from said feed sulfur species to said second side of said selective solid membrane.

19. (once amended) A process for removing sulfur from a hydrocarbon comprising:
conveying a feed stream past a first side of a selective solid membrane, wherein
said feed stream comprises a feed liquid hydrocarbon and a feed sulfur species, said
selective solid membrane is constructed from one or more compounds providing greater
permeation selectivity for said feed sulfur species than said feed liquid hydrocarbon, and
[wherein] said selective solid membrane contains a facilitated transport liquid;
transporting said feed sulfur species from said first side into said selective solid
membrane in a permeate;
complexing said feed sulfur species with said facilitated transport liquid to form a
facilitated transport complex; and
transporting said facilitated transport complex through said selective solid
membrane to a second side of said selective solid membrane, thereby converting said feed
stream to a substantially sulfur-free reject stream.

23. (once amended) A process for removing sulfur from a hydrocarbon comprising:
conveying a feed stream past a first side of a selective solid membrane, wherein
said feed stream comprises a feed liquid hydrocarbon and a feed sulfur species, and
further wherein said selective solid membrane is constructed from one or more compounds
providing greater permeation selectivity for said feed sulfur species than said feed liquid
hydrocarbon;
conveying a sweep stream past a second side of said selective solid membrane,
wherein said sweep stream comprises a membrane impermeable second liquid
hydrocarbon;
transporting said feed sulfur species from said feed stream through said selective
solid membrane in a permeate to said sweep stream, thereby converting said sweep
stream to a sulfur-enriched stream and said feed stream to a substantially sulfur-free reject
stream containing a primary hydrocarbon product; and
separating said permeate from said sweep stream in said sulfur-enriched stream.